

IN PROVINCIAL CONGRESS,

Watertown, May 5, 1775.

**W**HEREAS the Term for which this present Congress was chose, expires on the Thirtieth Instant, and the Exigencies of our Public Affairs, render it absolutely necessary for the Safety of this Colony, that a new Congress be elected and convened, to consider of, and transact the Public Affair thereof:

Therefore RESOLVED,

THAT it be, and it is hereby recommended to the several Towns and Districts in this Colony, that they, each of them, do forthwith elect and depute as many Members, as to them shall seem necessary and expedient, to represent them in a Provincial Congress to be held at the Meeting-House in Watertown, on the 31st Day of May Instant, to be chosen by such only as are qualified by Law to vote for Representatives in the General Assembly, and to be continued by Adjournment, as they shall see Cause, until the Expiration of six Months from their being first convened on the Thirty-first of this Instant May, and no longer; and to consult, deliberate, and resolve upon such further Measures as under God shall be effectual to save this People from impending Ruin, and to secure those inestimable Liberties, derived to us from our Ancestors, and which it is our Duty to preserve for Posterity.

JOSEPH WARREN, President P. T.

Attest, SAMUEL FREEMAN, Secr'y P. T.

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**W**HEREAS his Excellency General Gage, since his Arrival into this Colony, hath conducted as an Instrument in the Hands of an arbitrary Ministry, to enslave this People; and a Detachment of the Troops under his Command, has of late been by him ordered to the Town of Concord to destroy the public Stores, deposited in that Place for Use of the Colony: And whereas by this clandestine and perfidious Measure, a Number of respectable Inhabitants of this Colony, without any Provocation given by them, have been illegally, wantonly, and inhumanly slaughtered by his Troops:

Therefore RESOLVED,

THAT the said General Gage, hath by these and many other Means utterly disqualified himself to serve this Colony as a Governor, and in every other Capacity, and that no Obedience ought in future to be paid by the several Towns and Districts in this Colony to his Writs, for calling an Assembly, or to his Proclamations, or any other of his Acts or Doings; but that on the other Hand, he ought to be considered and guarded against, as an unnatural and inveterate Enemy to the Country.

JOSEPH WARREN, President P. T.

Attest, SAMUEL FREEMAN, Secr'y P. T.



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